

DIPLOMACY AND STATECRAFT

The Diplomacy and Statecraft (DS) course explores international relations and political, economic, social and cultural interactions in Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa. DS classes are spread across the academic year. They exploit the expertise of visiting scholars, civilian policymakers, foreign government officials, and military leaders. Diplomacy and Statecraft examines American foreign policy toward several key countries, but the goal is less familiarity with country-specific policies than it is to enhancing analytical and conceptual expertise among participants. Ideally, participants develop – and continually practice throughout the year – analytical tools that they can use in the future. The capstone of the course—and the final activity of the MCWAR curriculum—is an international study trip built around discussions with foreign government decision-makers (both civilian and military), academics, journalists, and politicians, as well as with U.S. officials abroad.

Diplomacy and Statecraft Learning Outcomes

1. Evaluate U.S. foreign policy in the context of national security and through a variety of analytical approaches and techniques.
2. Appraise the causes of instability, conflict, and cooperation, including the impact of cultural influences at the strategic level
3. Formulate foreign policy strategies to protect and promote U.S. interests in an increasingly globalized world.



A MCWAR student and faculty group at Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta, Indonesia. Istiqlal is the largest mosque in Southeast Asia.